

Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Application Number | 09/620,707 |
| Confirmation Number | 3363 |
| Filing Date | July 20, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Masaharu OGAWA |
| Art Unit | 2882 |
| Examiner Name | Chih-Cheng G. KAO |
| Attorney Docket Number | Q58688 |

Sheet

1

of

1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | |
| <i>A</i> | | US 6,376,857 | B1 | 04-23-2002 | IMAI |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |
| | | US | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | | | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Translation ⁶ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | | Country Code ³ | Number ⁴ | Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | |
| <i>A</i> | | EP | 1 041 400 | A2 | 04-10-2000 | FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD. | <i>None</i> |
| <i>A</i> | | EP | 1 041 401 | A2 | 04-10-2000 | FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD. | <i>None</i> |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published. | Translation ⁶ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Examiner Signature

[Signature]

Date Considered

9/12/02

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.